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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-86 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 87-93 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 72-86 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-71 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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Response to Election Requirement: Applicant has submitted a timely response to the election requirement of March 22, 2004 and has elected group I, claims 2-86 without traverse. Claims 2-86 will be examined on the merits.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2: Line 3 includes the phrase “forwarding receiving” preview requests. It is not clear whether the claim intends to suggest “forwarding or receiving” or “forwarding and receiving”.

Claim 9: The phrase “the configuration data module” lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 12: The phrase “the client page profile module” lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 23: The phrase “the preview information archive” lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 24: The phrase “one of determines” is vague and confusing. The phrase appears to be missing words.

Claim 39: In line 2, the phrase “client server” is confusing. A system in a network is generally a client or a server, not both.

Claims 3-8, 10-11, 13-23 and 25-38: These claims are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph due to their dependency on rejected claim 2.

Claims 40-71: These claims are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph due to their dependency on claim 39.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 2-14 and 17-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Scarborough et al. (U.S. Patent 6,353,448).

Claim 2: Reference is made to FIG. 3. Scarborough et al. discloses a user interface (120) that can forward preview requests and receive the results of such requests. Results of such requests are shown in FIGS. 7-10 and illustrate previews of web pages. A page profile module (150) that can forward the requests to a server (80) and receive the results back from the server (80). A main controller (135) receives the preview requests from the user interface (120) and forwards the requests to the page profile module (150). A first interface (physical connection hardware on system 150 that connect to lines 160) transmits the requests to the server. A real time build module (computer programming schematically shown at 90, 100, 180) build the preview requests by transforming them to bitmap images which get returned to the user interface (120).

Claim 3: The main controller (135) controls the receipt and return of queries for preview pages and controls communication between the client user interface (120) and the controller (135).

Claim 4: The user interface is a graphical user interface (120). Illustrations of this interface are shown in FIGS. 4-10.

Claim 5: As seen in FIG. 8, the user issues the request by selecting a bookmark using a bookmarks toolbar. This displayed preview information is that shown in the graphical display of FIG. 8.

Claim 6: The page profile module is the system (150). As seen by the data flow in FIG. 3, this system (150) accepts the preview requests from the controller (135), processes and generates the preview information and returns that information to the main controller (135).

Claim 7: The page profile module both retrieves profile information from the server (80) but also builds the profile information using the programming (90, 100, 180) schematically illustrated in FIG. 3.

Claim 8: The preview information in the server (80) is initially unformatted. The page profile module (150) extracts this unformatted information from server (80) and then formats the information using computer programming (90, 100, 180). The formatted results are shown in FIGS. 5-10.

Claim 9: FIGS. 5-6 illustrate the selection of client configuration settings. The “configuration data module” lacks antecedence, but may be viewed as the computer programming which supports the interfaces of FIGS. 5-6.

Claim 10: In FIGS. 5-6, the user selected settings are user preferences. The remaining features in claim 10 are optionally recited.

Claim 11: The user preferences set in FIG. 6 may determine the content which is returned to the user. If the content is not supported by a selected browser, that content may not be returned, so browser selection can dictate what is actually returned to the user.

Claim 12: The “client page profile module” lacks antecedence. Assuming this is a reference to the “page profile module” (150), this module (150) accesses and extracts information from the server (80), and formats the extracted information (90, 100, 180).

Claim 13: The preview information derives from the Internet (col. 4, line 50) which includes web pages.

Claim 14: The page profile module retrieves preview information from the server (80) and the server (80) returns the preview information. These communications occur via the first interface (physical connection at processor 150 to the line 160).

Claim 17: The page profile module (150) includes a retrieve module (90), a build module (100), a profile interface module (physical connection to line 170), web interface module (physical connection to line 160), and auxiliary interface module (physical connection to line 140).

Claim 18: The server (80) has information sources from which the page profile retrieve module (150) extracts information.

Claim 19: The preview information derives from the Internet (col. 4, line 50) which defines web page networks.

Claim 20: The Internet (col. 4, line 50) encompasses the World Wide Web. The auxiliary data source is optionally recited.

Claim 21: Since the auxiliary data source is optionally recited in claim 20, further defining this source does not carry patentable weight, since it is not necessarily part of the invention.

Claim 22: The page profile retrieve module (programming 90) receives information derived from an external module, such as the server (80) and generates information.

Claim 23: The information from the external modules, such as the server (80), include preview information derived from requests by the page profile module (150). The “preview information archive” lacks antecedence and appears to be another reference to the server (80).

Claim 24: The page profile retrieve module (150) build previews based on information requested by the processor (150). The retrieval of pre-built information is optionally recited.

Claim 25: Claim 25 is entirely directed to information which was optionally recited in claim 24, and thus does not carry patentable weight.

Claims 26-27: The profile retrieve module (90) inherently includes lines of programming. Any line of programming within this module is readable as a submodule. Since the page profile retrieve module (90) shown in FIG. 3 must retrieve information from system (150), there must inherently be at least one instruction (submodule) for retrieving that information. Other functions of the submodules are optionally recited in claim 27.

Claims 28-29: The profile build module (100) inherently includes lines of programming. Any line of programming within this module is readable as a submodule. Since the page profile build module (100) must build a bitmap image, it must inherently include at least one instruction (submodule) to perform that function. The other functions of the submodules are optionally recited.

Claim 30: Reference is made to FIG. 8. The browser of FIG. 8 indicates that preview information is available, since the browser is used for displaying the previews of websites. The request is the selection of the bookmarks option. The previews of three web pages are generated

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using the system of FIG. 3. The resulting previews are transmitted to the user, with the results shown in FIG. 8.

Claim 31: The information displayed in FIG. 8 may either be pre-stored in a cache (200 in FIG. 3) or downloaded in real time from a server (80).

Claim 32: Referring to FIG. 3, requests for the preview information are made by sending the request information to a main controller (135), forwarding the request to a client page profile module (150), generating a preview package using programming (90, 100, 180), forwarding the package to the main controller (180) and displaying the profile results at user (120).

Claim 33-34: Requests from the user interface (120) are forwarded to the main controller (135).

Claim 35: Information is retrieved from the server (80) and constructed using the programming steps (90, 100, 180).

Claim 36: The information source is the server (80) which is part of the Internet (col. 4, line 50). The Internet is a set of networked web pages. The auxiliary pages are optionally recited.

Claim 37: FIGS. 5-6 allow for the modification of client configuration settings.

Claim 38: FIGS. 5-6 illustrate the entering and processing of client configuration requests. The last two paragraphs are conditional statements based on conditions which are not mandatory. Accordingly, these conditional statements do not carry patentable weight.

Claims 15-16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Claims 39-71 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 72-86 are allowed.

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